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AGREEMENTS

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1. REFTEL B REPORTS SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENT MADE BY
U.S. GOVERNOR AT FEBRUARY 1976 MEETING IAEA BOARD OF
GOVERNORS RE FRANCE/PAKISTAN/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT.

OFFICIAL RECORD (IAEA DOCUMENT GOV/OR.484) READS:

QUOTE MR. TAPE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) SAID
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD SUPPORT A CONSENSUS IN FAVOR
OF THAT AGREEMENT. WITH REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION
OF AN IRRADIATED FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT IN PAKISTAN,
THE UNITED STATES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAD EXPRESSED
ITS VIEW THAT MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY, PARTICULARLY THOSE

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WITH LIMITED NUCLEAR PROGRAMS, WOULD BE WELL ADVISED

NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL AND UNECONOMIC REPROCESSING PLANTS BUT SHOULD INSTEAD EXAMINE MORE ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE CURRENT AGENCY FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE REGIONAL CONCEPT. THOSE COULD INCLUDE THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTI-NATIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS THAT WOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF SEVERAL NATIONS UNDER WELL SAFEGUARDED CONDITIONS WHILE AVOIDING THE ANXIETIES THAT WERE NECESSARILY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPREAD OF NATIONAL REPROCESSING CAPABILITIES. UNQUOTE.

2. REFTEL C REPORTS THAT U.S. GOVERNOR MADE STATEMENT RE FRG/BRAZIL/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IN ACCORD INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL D. OFFICIAL RECORD OF DISCUSSION (SAME DOCUMENT AS IN PARA 1) INCLUDES STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TAPE, PERTINENT PART OF WHICH READS: QUOTE THE AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A PRECEDENT FOR ALL TIME BUT AS ANOTHER STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS. HE WOULD EXPECT THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE IN AGREEMENTS OF THAT CHARACTER AND HE RECOGNIZED THAT IN A FEW RESPECTS THE LANGUAGE OF THAT AGREEMENT COULD HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED. FINALLY, HE POINTED OUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF THAT AGREEMENT DID NOT IMPLY ITS ENDORSEMENT OF EACH AND EVERY TRANSACTION COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT. INDEED, THE VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF SOME OF THE TECHNOLOGIES INVOLVED WERE WELL KNOWN. UNQUOTE.LABOWITZ

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